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**From:** Buhl, Rick  
**Sent:** Sat 8/15/2015 5:54:55 PM  
**Subject:** Re: UNION REPRESENTATION FOR GOLD KING

Perfect. Thanks. Call me if you need anything.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 15, 2015, at 11:29 AM, Hobart, Yolanda <[Hobart.Yolanda@epa.gov](mailto:Hobart.Yolanda@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yes, they did. I have already contact Luke Chavez and requested that. He will send it out this afternoon and I will provide it to the Union. At this point, there is a possibility that some employees will be coming back to Denver but, of course, that changes from hour to hour. I asked that as he gets updates to also provide them to me and I will get them to everyone who needs it.

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**From:** Buhl, Rick  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:27 AM  
**To:** Hobart, Yolanda  
**Cc:** Shanahan, Mike; Kortuem, Patrice  
**Subject:** Re: UNION REPRESENTATION FOR GOLD KING

Yolanda,

Great work. Thanks for pulling all of this together. Did the union request the list of BUE down there? Are we able to provide it?

Thanks again for resolving this issue so quickly. I really appreciate you going the extra mile.

Thanks.

Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 15, 2015, at 11:12 AM, Hobart, Yolanda <[Hobart.Yolanda@epa.gov](mailto:Hobart.Yolanda@epa.gov)> wrote:

Rick,

I just got off our call. Britta, Dave, and Karen were on the phone. They decided to have Dave travel back to Durango Monday through Wednesday. Britta would then be there from Wednesday to Saturday morning. I will work with Christine and Phillip to get their travel going.

Some of the other things we touched on were:

- Karen, as Counsel President, has agreed to have Britta and Local 3607 provide representation to all AFGE BUEs who may be asked questions in the IG investigation. She will send out an e-mail to her Local Presidents telling them that Britta will be the POC for representation.
- Karen will also send out an e-mail to the rest of the Union Coalition (all

other Unions with BUEs in EPA and who may be providing Region 8 assistance) to inform them of the IG investigation and she will request that Britta and Local 3607 be allowed to represent their BUEs as well.

- I asked that any request related to the Gold King Mine spill be put in e-mail. We all agreed that it was prudent to have an official record of any requests, agreements, etc. moving forward as we work through this incident.

- Britta and/or Dave will let us know if they need to be down in the Durango area beyond Saturday.

- We plan on meeting August 24 to touch base and ensure we are able to share any information we can and provide updates to each other.

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Yolanda

Any word from the union on who they want to send?

Thanks

Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 5:17 PM, Hobart, Yolanda <[Hobart.Yolanda@epa.gov](mailto:Hobart.Yolanda@epa.gov)> wrote:

All,

I spoke with Britta this afternoon letting her know that we are working on getting travel for her or whomever she designate for representation during the IG investigation. She indicated that the only two people available would be her and Dave Christenson. I also mentioned to her that I was going to speak with Karen Kellen about having AFGE Local 3607 be the lead for representation for those AFGE BUE from other regions who may be interviewed. Britta has agreed to take this on if Karen agrees. She will be waiting to hear from us on how to proceed. I told her I would call her tomorrow to provide her an update, if I had one.

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